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TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER AND CARTER, CHIP AND CARON), AS

SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S/CARTERS' VISIT TO AUSTRALIA

1. WE HAVE JUST LEARNED FROM THE AUSTRALIANS THAT THE PRESENT STATE OF PLANNING AT THE WHITE HOUSE INDICATES THAT THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL ARRIVE IN AUSTRALIA ON THE EVENING OF SUNDAY, MAY 7 AND LEAVE ON THE MORNING OF TUESDAY, MAY 9. I HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CONFIRM THE DATES FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO ASK IS THAT YOU KEEP IN MIND THE DESIRABILITY OF OUR BEING INFORMED AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY SHOULD THERE BE ANY CHANGE IN ARRIVAL PLANS FOR CHIP AND CARON CARTER; SPECIFICALLY, IF THERE IS ANY LIKELIHOOD THAT THEY MAY ARRIVE WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT. OBVIOUSLY, WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE SOME SPEEDY CHANGS TO ELABORATE ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE FOR THEM SHOULD THAT BE THE CASE. WITH APPRECIATION,
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